

## **Howard County Consumer Protection Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

- Present: Richard Green, Jill Bussey, , Marshall McLeod, Young Smith (by telephone)
- Absent: Ashlyn Hood, Ronnie Sanderson, Katherine Bornstein
- Guest: Sue Rogan (by telephone)

**Minutes of the November meeting** were approved as read.

### **Student Loan Forum - Updates since the November meeting**

- Becky suggested that future information about the event state that doors will open at 6:30 so people can visit exhibit tables before as well as after the event.
- Becky reported that the event will be held in the originally reported room – RCF 400 in the Rouse Student Services building. Becky will be meeting with HCC folks on 12/16 to look at the space and discuss any additional needs. Marshall asked if HCC tech personnel will be at the event in case there are issues. Becky will confirm.
- Becky believes that pre-registration will be needed for the webcast and will get the details when she meets with HCC. All attendees will be urged to pre-register but Becky suggested not having a registration table at the door. OCP staff will do a head count and Richard volunteered to collect evaluations as the audience exits.
- Becky received confirmation from the HCC caterer that the prices listed are per person. Katherine will work with the caterer to decide on what kind of food there should be and how much.
- Jill is still waiting to hear back from Senator Cardin's staff, but will report back to all when she finds out.
- Becky confirmed that the County Executive will attend and provide a brief welcome along with an HCC representative.
- Jill reported that the USDE will not attend and Becky believes that the CFPB will also decline. All other panel members have confirmed their attendance. Sue Rogan has agreed to represent MD CASH on the panel to discuss how students can manage loan and scholarship proceeds and save money on college essentials. Becky will schedule a conference call with all panel members in a few weeks to coordinate presentations.
- A more detailed flyer with a short agenda and a list of panelists will be ready for distribution in a couple of weeks.
- Becky and the board member present reported on the groups that they have been contacting about the event. Young reported that the Korea Times and Korea Daily have advertised the Save the Date information.

### **Discussion of Potential Landlord-Tenant Legislation –**

- Becky reported that she has scheduled a meeting with the head of Montgomery County's landlord-tenant office for December 20. She will report on that meeting in January but suggested that the Board hold discussion of focus groups until after the Student Loan Forum (the Board's February meeting).

### **Announcements and New Business**

- Becky reported that she has requested additional money for the Advisory Board in the FY2018 budget.
- Jill reported that anticipated changes to immigration law will likely lead to an increase in scams and predatory behavior. She will be working with the MD Immigration Rights Coalition to get reduce this behavior through education efforts and legal action. She will advise the Board and OCP on ways that they can assist as they arise.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:35**

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 4, AT 7:00 PM**  
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